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Housing colonies for certain Handloom Weavers' Co-operative Societies

* 2320 *Q.*—SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state how far the scheme of establishing housing colonies for the weavers of Ammapet and Aruppukottai Handloom Weavers' Co-operative Societies has progressed?

THE HON. SRI M BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" The schemes are under the consideration of the Government of India."

Medical Colleges under the Second Five-Year Plan

* 2321 *Q.*—SRI A. RATNAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state with reference to the answer to question No. 747, dated 16th February 1955, how many medical colleges and where they are proposed to be started during the period of the Second Five-Year Plan and the amount to be spent on them?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" The Dr. Alagappa Chettiar College Endowment Trust has offered to start a medical college at Karaikudi or any other suitable place and has approached the Government for assistance. The matter is under consideration and a final decision has not yet been arrived at. Pending a final decision, necessary provision has been included in the Second Five-Year Plan for the opening of one or two medical colleges."

SRI A. RATNAM :—" May I know, Sir, the amount allotted for opening these colleges, where these colleges will be located and where the other college referred to in the Second Five-Year Plan at page 22, Volume 2, will be opened? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" In the Second Five-Year Plan, a sum of Rs. 166 lakhs has been provided for opening two more medical colleges with attached teaching hospitals with a bed-strength of 1,200 for producing 150 additional doctors every year. But this scheme is likely to be cut down. The question of new colleges has not been finally decided at Delhi. As regards the other proposal no decision has yet been taken."

SRI S. RAMALINGAM :—" Are the Government aware that in Tanjore district a number of persons have come forward to donate land and cash for construction of a medical college at Tanjore and will they pass necessary orders for the opening of a medical college there? " 9-30 a.m.

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" I am not aware of any definite offer of land or cash. When the offer comes, the matter will be considered."

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SRI S. SWAYAMPRAKASAM :—" Originally there was a proposal for having only one college and that was to be in Madras City. Now in the Second Five-Year Plan, we find provision for two medical colleges. When did the Government decide to locate one medical college at Coimbatore? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" No decision has been taken regarding the location of the colleges. The Government of India will consider the needs of different States and then decide where new medical colleges have to be established. "

SRI R. KRISHNAN :—" May I know whether there is any proposal to start a medical college at Malabar ? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" No place for starting medical college has yet been decided upon. Malabar may have as good a chance as any other district. "

SRI S. S. KOLKEBAIL :—" May I know whether the Government have any proposal to take over the Kasturba Medical College, Udipi, under the Second Five-Year Plan ? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" No, Sir. "

SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" The Hon. Minister said that Malabar would have a chance and we are thankful for it. But on a previous occasion, when he was interviewed by a correspondent of a responsible newspaper, he gave the categorical answer that none of the proposed colleges was to be located in Malabar. Why does he say now that still Malabar has got a chance ? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Which correspondent of what paper and at what time he interviewed me I am not aware. "

DEPUTY SPEAKER :—" We will pass on to the next question. "

SRI S. RAMALINGAM :—" This is an important question and I request some more time may be allowed for it. "

DEPUTY SPEAKER :—" Members can speak about this in the discussion of the Second Five-Year Plan and the Hon. Leader of the House will give a reply. "

Repairs to Emaneswaram tank

2322 *Q.*—SRI G. GOVINDAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) when the repair to the tank at Emaneswaram village in Ramanathapuram district was last done ;

(*b*) whether there is sufficient water now to irrigate 1,000 acres ;